

**John Coffee to Andrew Jackson, November 2, 1813,
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JOHN COFFEE TO JACKSON.

South Bank of Coosey River, Nov. 2. 1813.

Genl. Jackson , The ground from where I left you and the crossing of the river was much more difficult that represented (though the water not deep) so much so that when my rear crossed the sun was not more than one and half hours high. The Indians with me all agree that I cannot reach the town or encampment of the enemy untill two hours after dark; they also state that they have no information of any of the enemy being encamped nearer the 10 Islands than the town we are in quest of—from all circumstances I think it best to keep my forces together, and attack the town at day break, and then push to the bank of the river opposite you, of this I will determine when I get out and see the kind of country I have to pass over.

very respectfully yours

no Indian Signs fresh.